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## Public Hearings Scheduled for American Samoa, Saipan and Guam On the Proposal to Revise Green Turtle Listings

HONOLULU, Hawaii –The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries are extending the public comment period to July 27, 2015, on the proposal to revise the listings of green sea turtles under the Endangered Species Act. The agencies will hold public informational meetings followed by public hearings on American Samoa, Saipan and Guam in July.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries are proposing to reclassify the breeding populations of green sea turtles in American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from threatened to endangered status under the Endangered Species Act.

The agencies are encouraging all interested parties to provide comments on this proposed action.

The agencies will hold the following public meetings and public hearings:

- **American Samoa:** July 6 – 5:30-6 p.m. informational meeting, 6-8 p.m. public hearing. American Samoa Community College Lecture Hall, P.O. Box 2609, Pago Pago, AS 96799.
- **Saipan:** July 13 – 5:30-6 p.m. informational meeting, 6-8 p.m. public hearing. Multi-Purpose Center (Saipan), Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan.
- **Guam:** July 15 – 5:30-6 p.m. informational meeting, 6-8 p.m. public hearing. University of Guam, Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building, Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923

The deadline for comments is July 27, 2015. Submit comments, information or data on this document, identified by the code NOAA-NMFS-2012-0154:

Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2012-0154>, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Mail: Submit written comments to Office of Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or Green Turtle Proposed Listing Rule, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North Florida Ecological Services Office, 7915 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

To learn more about sea turtles, go to: <http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/>

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